

****Update** State Police Investigating Fatal Crash North of Milford**

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Milford – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a motorcycle that occurred earlier this afternoon.

The incident occurred around 11:18 a.m. Thursday March 23, 2017 as David E. Thompson, 29 of Dover, was operating a 2005 Honda CBR southbound on Bay Road (US113/SR1) just north of Tub Mill Pond Road. Anthony L. Howard, 35 of Parkville, Maryland, was operating a 2016 Western Star Tractor pulling a car hauler northbound on Bay Road stopped in a cross-over preparing to turn left into the I.G. Burton car dealership parking lot (605 Bay Road). The car hauler began to cross the southbound lanes of Bay Road when the motorcycle tried to brake and lost control, striking the front of the trailer portion of the hauler in the middle of the roadway. The truck continued westbound 19 feet before coming to a controlled stop.

David Thompson, who was wearing a helmet, was pronounced dead at the scene.

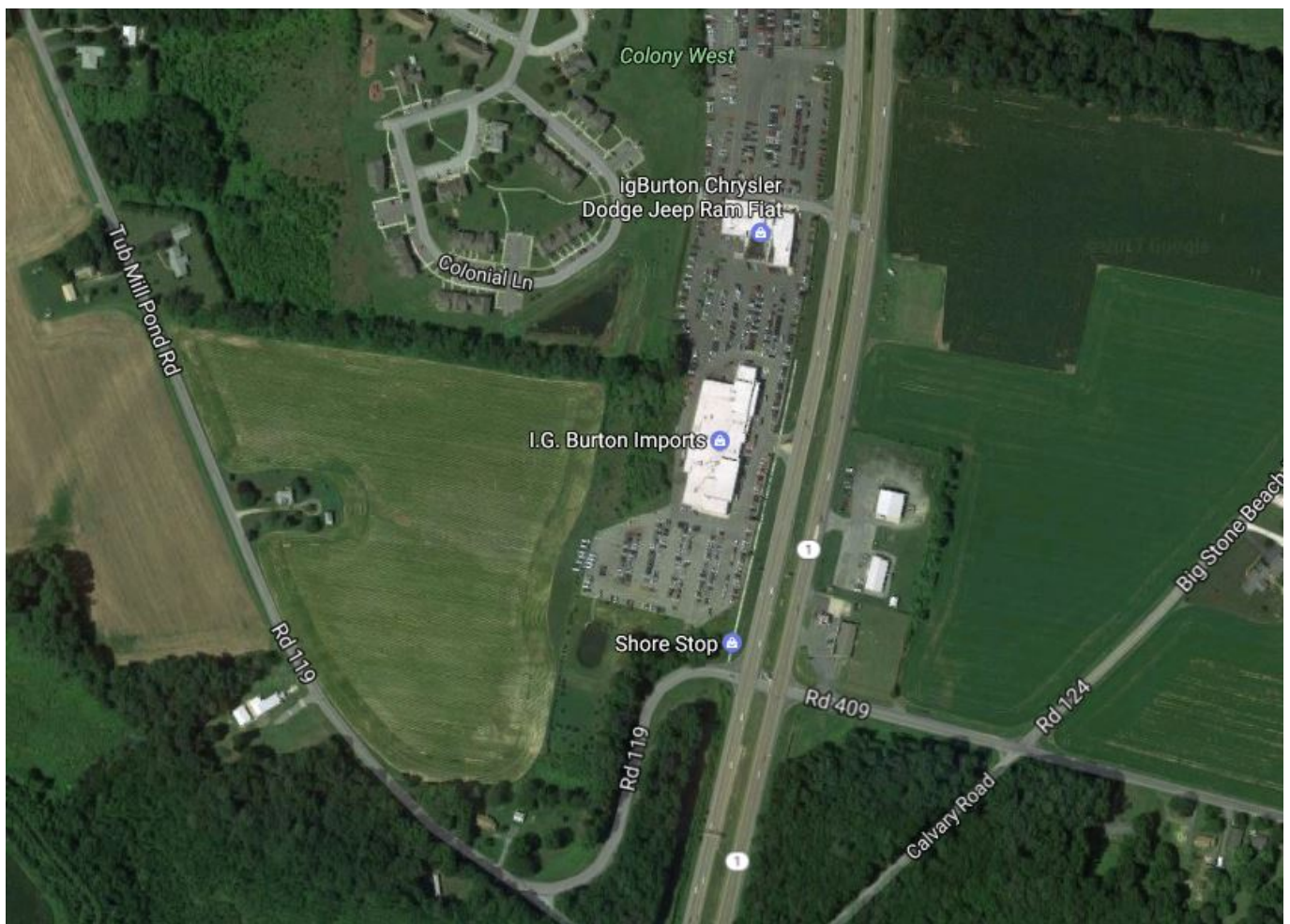
Anthony Howard was properly restrained and was uninjured in the crash.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. There is no evidence at this time that supports drug or alcohol use by either operator. Bay Road southbound at exit 79 (Thompsonville Road) was closed for approximately three and a half hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

If anyone may have witnessed this incident, they are asked to contact Master Corporal B. Killen at 302-698-8451. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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